

Abbott Head Start Teacher Applying for an Extension for P-3 Certification

The New Jersey Supreme Court ordered that every Abbott preschool teacher must hold a P-3 teaching license by September 2004. Teachers in Abbott preschool classrooms who do not currently have a bachelor's degree and are enrolled in an approved program may be eligible for a waiver of the September 2004 deadline. In order to apply for an initial review for an extension of and waiver for the September 2004 deadline, the degree candidate must have his/her advisor or other official at the college or university in which they are enrolled verify that the candidate meets the following criteria:

- Works for a Head Start agency that began contracting with an Abbott district for that classroom after September 2000;
- Can verify that s/he will complete the degree within four years of the first date of contract for the classroom in which s/he has continuously taught;
- Is a student in good standing;
- Has a detailed and feasible plan for completion of the degree; and
- Maintains the appropriate minimum GPA of 2.75 when 4.0 equals an A grade.

The teacher candidate is responsible for having the form below completed by a college official and submitting the original form to the school district along with a copy to the child care or Head Start agency by **July 1, 2004**. Along with this application, letters of support from the district and center director must be included as part of a complete application. It is advisable that the candidate keep a copy of the entire application for his or her records as well. The district will then be responsible for submitting all waiver applications to the Office of Early Childhood Education on or before **July 16, 2004**. Note: This does not apply to Alternate Route candidates.

Abbott Head Start Teacher Verification of Progress toward Graduation

To be completed by the degree candidate:

Student's Name: _____

Name and Address of Agency: _____

Phone Number of Agency: _____

To be completed by an advisor or other college/university representative:

Overall Grade Point Average: _____ **Total # of Credits Earned:** _____

of Credits Needed to Complete the Degree: _____

Please check yes or no below:

☐yes ☐no **The student has a detailed and feasible plan for completion of the degree within four years of the first date of contract for the classroom in which s/he has continuously taught. (Please attach plan.)**

☐yes ☐no **The student is in good standing at this institution.**

Print or type name of college/university representative: _____

College or university: _____ **Phone:** _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Letters of support from the district and agency director are attached. ☐ Yes ☐ No